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one's professional duties are ended, just because one is well paid for doing so. Criticism is brought upon the Private Duty Group by just such situations as the last one described in this letter.—Ed.)

#### ETIQUETTE FOR OFFICERS OF THE POST, AS A NURSE SEES IT

Dear Editor: I thought at this time, when the subject of Rank for Nurses is being widely discussed, you would be interested in seeing the following Rules for Etiquette which I cut from an Army Post magazine:

"With humble apologies to the very few to whom this does not apply: 1. Officers should always enter the bus first, especially when there is a group of nurses waiting. 2. On rainy days inside seats are reserved for officers. The nurses enjoy the rain. 3. Ward surgeons to have no conversation with the nurses in charge, all communications to be written and left on desk. 4. Never offer a graduate nurse a chair, they do enjoy standing. 5. When addressing a nurse—put your feet on the desk, lean back and be comfortable. They are getting used to it. 6. When nothing else to do take a trip up the ward and look for dirt, you will find it. 7. When an operation is to be performed, never notify the operating room, it might be ready. 8. Never do dressings in the morning. The nurses enjoy doing them in the afternoon. 9. When addressing nurse in charge of ward, never call her by name, just yell 'Nurse' and see what happens. 10. Never ask a nurse about her patients, she might be able to give you some information. 11. If in doubt about the use of the two little words 'please' and 'thank you,' consult Webster, as these words are apparently becoming obsolete in the Army. 12. If you see any candy on the desk, help yourself, but don't ever bring any. 13. Whenever possible, all cigarette ashes and butts are to be scattered around the desk, as it almost makes us feel at home. 14. When all is said and done, and you come to the end of a busy day, bid the nurse 'Good-night' and smile, even if it hurts at first. 15. Co-operation is needed, any suggestions, rules or regulations for graduate nurses will be cheerfully received and acted upon if possible. Here is your chance; knock back."

*From Home Again.*

#### THE HIGHER MISSION OF THE ARMY NURSE

Dear Editor: Someone said to me recently, "Army nurses have lost the true spirit, they are no longer interested in their work and are making every effort to return to civilian life." Personally, I cannot believe that our nurses have lost the spirit of service, and that they, in this huge task of reconstruction, will fail to "carry on." I am convinced that, with a few exceptions, the nurses, who have served with me during the past year, are still filled with the same spirit and enthusiasm with which they entered the service. Now that hostilities are over, those who enrolled with a purely selfish motive, naturally do not view the tremendous task before them and their great privilege as nurses, in the true light. The men who are returning to our hospitals have, unconsciously perhaps, raised for themselves the standard of womanhood as depicted in the daily service rendered by our splendid American nurses at the front. Shall we, who through no lack of patriotism, felt it our duty to serve over here, fail to measure up to this standard? Shall we not "carry on" as long as the Government needs our services, even until the last man has returned and has been restored to his full capacity for service? This stupendous work of reconstruction, unheard of in any previous war, has just begun in our country, and we have the privilege of sharing in it in